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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 7, 2002 for the patent application identified above, with the period for response set to expire May 7, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Examiner has identified two groups of claims that the Examiner argues are distinct from each other and accordingly are properly the subject of a restriction requirement. In addition, the Examiner also directed the Applicant to